

IF YOU REALLY LOVE HIM, PROVE IT!

Based on the command of Christ #44 – “Keep My Commands”

John 14:12–31

12. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

13. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.

14. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

15. "If you love me, you will obey what I command.

16. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--

17. the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

18. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

19. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

20. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

21. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

22. Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

23. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

24. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

25. "All this I have spoken while still with you.

26. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

27. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

28. "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

29. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

30. I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me,
31. but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. "Come now; let us leave.

Vs. 15 (NKJV) - "If you love me, keep my commandments."

I. What does it mean to keep Christ's commands?

"If you love me".

The word "keep" comes from the Greek word "tereo" which has two meanings...

1. To guard
2. To observe

The word "observe" means "to do".

Leviticus 20:8 - "You shall *keep* my statutes, and *do* them."

II. How to Keep Christ's Commands

1. *Memorize God's Word.*
2. *Meditate On God's Word.*

You can't do #2 until you do #1!

John 15:7 - "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you."

You cannot live inside this promise until you are living in the Word and have your mind saturated with what God says!

III. Personal Evidence of Living the Word

Your speech will expose what is really in your heart!

Luke 6:45 - A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

If you are not speaking faith, you are speaking fear!

Faith + Fear = Contaminated Faith!!

Your speech will expose whether you have His commands in you and whether you're manifesting them or not!

James 3:8 - "...no one can tame the tongue"

Romans 12:2 - Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Proverbs 4:4 - "Let your heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live."

IV. There is Path to Success!

It will require Diligence!

Heb. 6:11

10. God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

11. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure.

The path to success in keeping His Commands is found in two key scriptures:

Joshua 1:8 - Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Psalm 1:2-3 - But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

You memorize and meditate on His commands so that you will...

1. Know God's Will

2. Keep His Word

His Will and His Word is the same thing!

Psalm 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Mt. 6:33 - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness...

He is first!

First (pro'-ton) = in time, place, order and importance

The word "seek" actually carries the meaning of "worship"

John 6:63 - The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

Feelings can be deceptive... But God's Word received in the right spirit will never lead you wrong!

We need to understand that we were Bought With A Price!

I Corinthians 6:20 - "For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's."

John 15:8 - This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

God is glorified by one thing... Fruit!

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